

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 1, 2004. Newly added Claims 29-37 are presented for examination, of which Claims 29 and 35-37 are in independent form. Claims 14, 18-20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for returning two initialed forms PTO-1449 with the outstanding Office Action. The Office Action mentions a third PTO-1449 as being attached, but the third PTO-1449, pertaining to the Information Disclosure Statement of August 29, 2000, was not received. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested kindly to return such initialed copy with the next paper issued by the Office.

Claims 14, 18-20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from U.S. Patent 6,609,034 B1 (Behrens et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 3,648,245 (Dodds Jr. et al.). The cancellation of those claims renders that rejection moot. For the following reasons, the new claims are believed to be clearly allowable over those patents, for at least the following reasons.

Independent Claim 29 is directed to an information provider system that comprises a database on a network, for storing content information corresponding to an identification code, and a client communication terminal comprising an extraction unit for extracting an identification code from data and a transmission unit for transmitting the extracted identification code to a server terminal. Also provided are an acquisition unit for acquiring content information corresponding to the transmitted identification code from the database, and

an output unit, connected to the server terminal locally, for outputting the acquired content information.

Among other important features of this aspect of the invention are the extracting of information identification code to transmit the identification code to a server terminal from a client communication terminal, and the outputting of the content information to the identification code to an output unit connected to the server terminal locally.

Behrens relates to a computer unit connected to a video display 68 and a plurality of other devices (see Fig. 4). The purpose of the *Behrens* arrangement is to permit control of more than a single computer system, suing a switch with a single connector for keyboard, mouse and video signals for each computer being managed separately. Each computer is connected to the switch using a cable having a single connection to the switch, and multiple connections to that computer for that computer's keyboard, video and pointing device signals.

Dodds relates to a time-shared apparatus that permits the operating of plural displays, in which information may be transferred to a printer. More specifically, the apparatus is a terminal have a single cathode-ray tube ("CRT") keyboard monitor, or plural CRT keyboard-monitors that time-share a magnetic core memory, and permits selection of any of the keyboard-monitors, or some or all of them, to receive information, and information can be displayed in any of several formats.

Logan relates to a system for electronically distributing personalized information,, in which, for example, a user can transfer an identification of music data from a client to a server, and music data corresponding to the transmitted identification is downloaded to the client to be outputted from a speaker connected to the client.

Even if all three patents are deemed to show all that they are cited for, however, Applicants submit that the result of the proposed combination, assuming for argument's sake that the combination would be a permissible one, would not meet the terms of Claim 29. At the very least, the destination of information in the proposed combination is entirely different from the in a system according to Claim 29. For at least that reason, Claim 29 is believed to be clearly allowable over those three patents.

Claims 35-37 are, respectively, method, program-product and memory-medium claims corresponding to system Claim 29, and are deemed allowable for the same reasons as is Claim 29.

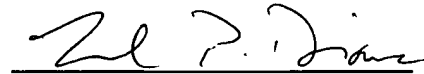
A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application each depend from independent Claim 29, and, therefore, are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, individual consideration of the patentability of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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